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In the Supreme Court of the United States.

OCTOBER TERM, 1899.

THE EAST TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA AND GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY ET AL., APPELLANTS,

v.

THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, APPELLEE.

MOTION TO ADVANCE.

The Solicitor-General, at the request and on behalf of the appellee in the above-entitled cause, respectfully moves the court to advance the same on the docket for hearing during the present term, on the following grounds:

1. The case is a proceeding in equity under section 16 of the act to regulate commerce, for the enforcement of an order of the appellee, the Interstate Commerce Commission, against the appellants, and that section of the law provides that the courts "shall proceed to hear and determine" such cases "*speedily* as courts of equity."

2. The appellee is a bureau or department of the Government, and the case presents questions of general public interest and involves matter affecting large communities and sections of the country in the States of Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama.

3. Both the courts below, to wit, the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Tennessee and the circuit court of appeals for the sixth circuit, rendered decrees in favor of appellee for the enforcement of its order, which have been superseded pending the appeals, and if said decrees be just and free from error, a speedy determination by this court of said matter will subserve the public interests involved.

4. Counsel for the appellants consents to the granting of this motion, and it is suggested by counsel on both sides that, if agreeable to the court, the case shall be advanced for hearing to a day about the last of February, 1900.

JOHN K. RICHARDS,
Solicitor-General.

I hereby accept service of this motion, and consent that the same be granted and that it may be submitted to the court on Monday, January 8, 1900.

ED. BAXTER,
Solicitor for the Appellants.